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SUBJECT: BILATERAL MEETING WITH CANADA ON AGRICULTURE

1. US DEL (KOENIG, HAMERSCHLAG) HAD A SHORT BILATERAL MEETING ON AGRICULTURE WITH CANADA (AMB. GREY, GIFFORD) ON JULY 3 IN WHICH WE STRESSED THAT A SATISFACTORY RESULT IN AGRICULTURE WAS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE US/CANADIAN MTN NEGOTIATIONS. THE CANADIAN DEL ASKED WHETHER US IS ABLE TO INDICATE WHICH OF US REQUESTS ARE PRIORITY ITEMS. US DEL STATED THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF FURTHER WASHINGTON INSTRUCTIONS WE ARE UNABLE NOW TO GIVE SUCH INDICATIONS. WE POINTED OUT THAT THE ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS CAST A MAJOR SHADOW ON US/CANADIAN MTN NEGOTIATIONS IN AGRICULTURE. WE THEN STATED THAT WE WOULD APPRECIATE IF CANADA COULD IMPROVE ITS OFFERS BY MAKING OFFERS ON RE-

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QUESTS SO FAR NOT RESPONDED TO AND BY MEETING U.S. REQUESTS TO THE FULL EXTENT WHERE THIS HAS SO FAR NOT BEEN THE CASE.

2. THROUGHOUT THE MEETING THE CANADIANS REPEATED OVER AND OVER AGAIN THE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACH TO THE HARMONIZATION OF THE U.S./CANADIAN TARIFFS ON POTATOES.

3. THE CANADIANS FURTHER STATED THAT ITEM 0801, CANNED POULTRY, WITH REGARD TO WHICH THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY INDICATED THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS OUR REQUEST FOR THE ELIMINATION OF THE LICENSING REQUIREMENT, WILL NOW CONSIDER AN OFFER IN THE SENSE THAT CANADA WOULD BE WILLING TO GO FROM INDIVIDUAL TO GENERAL LICENSES.

4. AS REGARDS WINES (ITEMS 162051, 162101, 163101, 163151 165011, 165021, 165031, 165041) THE CANADIAN DEL INDICATED THAT THEY ARE GOING TO MAKE A DETERMINED EFFORT TO CONVINCE THE PROVINCES (NOTABLY ONTARIO, QUEBEC, AND B.C.) TO CHANGE PROVINCIAL LIQUOR BOARD PRACTICES SUCH AS DISCRIMINATORY MARK-UPS. HOWEVER, THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE ANY OFFERS ON THE TARIFFS FOR THESE ITEMS WHICH WERE ALREADY LOW.

5. WITH REGARD TO VEGETABLE OILS CANADIANS INDICATED THAT THEY EXPECTED TO MAKE OFFERS BUT SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

6. AS REGARDS CANADIAN REQUESTS THE CANADIANS REITERATED THEIR INTEREST IN THE DUTY ON DAIRY COWS (TSUS 100.50), IN THE REDUCTION OF DUTIES IN CERTAIN PORK ITEMS (INCLUDING LIVE HOGS) AND IN PARTICULAR THEIR INTEREST IN REDUCTION OF THE DUTY IN BEEF AND VEAL CUTS IN AIRTIGHT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTAINERS. THEY ALSO EMPHASIZED AGAIN THEIR INTEREST IN THE HARMONIZATION OF U.S. AND CANADIAN DUTIES ON CORN.

7. AS REGARDS A FURTHER REDUCTION IN THE DUTIES ON RAPESEED OIL (TSUS 176.47) THEY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THIS WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY RAPESEED OIL BEING DECLARED AS GRASS.

8. DRAFTED BY KOENIG. MCDONALD

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